

**Celebration of the Homegoing
of
Our Dearly Beloved
MISSIONARY MALISSA LEWIS**



*"For I reckon that the sufferings of this
present time are not worthy to be compared with
the glory which shall be revealed in us."*
Romans 8:18

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1991
11:00 A.M.**

**McGlothen Temple Church Of God In Christ
1443 Filbert Street
Richmond, CA 94801**

**Superintendent John A. Jennings, Pastor
Officiating**

Obituary

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" Revelation 21:4

Missionary Malissa Lewis was born in 1914 in Vallient, Oklahoma to her parents, Lee and Savannah Gipson. Her parents and thirteen siblings preceded her in death. She lived in Idabel, Hugo and Hobart, Oklahoma before making her home in Richmond, California. She attended the public schools and was a member of the St. Emanuel Baptist Church in Hobart before being saved and sanctified in the Church of God in Christ in Lowton, Oklahoma.

She met and married Robert Pierce and to this union two children were born, Jennie Mural and William Ray. She later married Deacon Lennie Lewis and was a loyal and faithful wife until his death in 1977. She was very proud of her family whom she loved dearly, and that love was reciprocated.

She and her family moved to Richmond in the forties and united with the McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ under Bishop G.W. McGlothen, Pastor. She was faithful to her church, always present at every service unless providentially hindered from being there. At the Temple she served as a member of the deacon wives and senior choir. She was a good supporter of the YPWW, Sunday School and all the church auxiliaries. She served for many years as a District YPWW Chairlady and Gift Committee Chairperson. Missionary Lewis has been a licensed evangelist missionary for many years. She enjoyed working with her hands making pillows to sell to meet her financial obligations at the church and for her travel to attend national conventions.

Today we are silent, to pay tribute to a person who has lived among us as "one who went about doing good" and who always put Christ first in everything she did. During her months of illness she leaned heavily on the Lord. She was a lovable character, a person everyone chose to have as a friend and willing to be a friend to all. She never pushed herself forward, but always stayed in the background working and praying and doing whatever she was called upon to do for her Master.

Missionary Lewis departed this life early ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} morning, April 24, 1991 in an Oklahoma City hospital and leaves to celebrate her homegoing two children, William Ray Pierce, Richmond; and Jennie Mural Aslin, Oakland; one grandson Eric Smith; one great-grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Emma McCarver of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one brother, James Gipson, Richmond, California; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and the McGlothen Temple Church family.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...Let not your heart be troubled"
John 14:1, 27

Order of Services

Elder E. F. McNeil, Presiding

PRELUDE.....

PROCESSIONAL.....

INVOCATION.....Elder Lacy Douglas, III

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE..... Superintendent Jack Spicer
Psalms 91:1-16

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....Elder Dennis Braxton
I Corinthians 15:51-58

MUSICAL SELECTION..... McGlothen Temple Choir

EXPRESSIONS

Mother W.M. Johnson, Ass't Church Mother
Mother Trudy Crawford, Mothers' Board
Missionary Victoria Williams, Senior Choir
District Missionary Etta B. Graves
Dr. Mattie McGlothen, General Supervisor of Women
Deacon R. Robinson, Deacon Board

Selection
~~SOLO~~.....

EXPRESSIONS (3 Minutes)

Friends
Ministers

MUSICAL SELECTION..... McGlothen Temple Choir

RESOLUTION..... Missionary Victoria Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES AND
OBITUARY.....Sister Emma Clark

SOLO..... Evangelist Mary Willard

EULOGY..... *Great Reward for those who labor* Pastor John A. Jennings
Romans 8:16-18 matt 5:8 Luke 20:36

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

"Another soldier gone to get a great reward; She fought the fight, she kept the faith, And now she has gone home to God."

Active Pallbearers

Deacon Rufus Robinson
Deacon Felix Ashley
Deacon Ronald Huey

Deacon Robert Smith
Deacon William Funches
Brother M. Henderson

Honorary Pallbearers

McGlothen Temple Deacons Wives Auxiliary

Flower Bearers

Senior Choir

Business & Professional Women Federation

Evangelist Dist. - H.B. Duffey
Greater Richmond Dist
Home & Foreign Missions
Single Women
McGlothen Temple Sunday School
Sunday School Class #1

Graves Family

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Malissa Lewis acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended at this hour of sorrow. Thank you for the telegrams, cards, florals, words of comfort, and the many kind deeds and prayers shared with us during the loss of our loved one. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. May God bestow His blessings on each of you.

THE FAMILY

Interment
SUNSET VIEW CEMETERY
El Cerrito, California



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